

Attn.: Dr. William S. Stokes,

It has formally come to my attention that NIEHS is still using outdated, unreliable tests on animals. I implore you, Dr. Stokes, please adopt the new non animal testing methods, please don't let these animals be forced to endure such suffering due to bureaucratic inertia. Sir, a man as astute, and respected as yourself know these tests are useless-they are not helping, they are only hurting the innocent. Dr. Stokes, Government agencies should use in vitro cell culture tests to completely replace the use of animals in lethal dose tests. Dear sir, all government agencies that currently require the acute animal poisoning studies should immediately incorporate the in vitro cell culture method as a transitional means of reducing the number of animals killed and should fully support the use of this method as an eventual replacement for lethal dose poisoning studies. The EPA must immediately incorporate the non animal culture cell method into its HPV chemical program, as PROMISED in its October 1999 agreement with the animal protection community. I thank you, Dr. Stokes for your time, your courtesy and your consideration into this matter, which is of great importance to many people.

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